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THE PROBABLE MISSILE AIRFRAMES FIRST SEEN AT KONSOMOLSK
AIRFRAME PLANT 126 [REDACTED] KONSOMOLSK, USSR, IN JANUARY
1965 [REDACTED] AND LATER REPORTED IN OCTOBER 1965 [REDACTED]

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CAN NOW BE IDENTIFIED AS SS-N-3 MISSILE CANISTERS, INDICATING PRODUCTION OF SS-N-3S (NAVAL CRUISE MISSILES) AT PLANT 126. THIS IDENTIFICATION IS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE COMPARISON OF RECENT KEYHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY OF SS-N-3 CANISTERS AT PETROPAVLOVSK NAVAL MISSILE STORAGE

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[REDACTED] AND AT POLYARNYY NAVAL MISSILE SUPPORT FACILITY,
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THE SS-N-3 CANISTER HAS AN OVERALL MEASUREMENT OF APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] IT HAS A BOTTLE-SHAPED CONFIGURATION, WITH THE LARGER SECTION MEASURING APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] AND THE SMALLER SECTION (WHICH TAPERS SLIGHTLY) MEASURING APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED]

THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CANISTERS OBSERVED AT PLANT 126 TO DATE IS 16. THESE WERE OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF OCTO

THE PRESENCE OF LARGE SHIPPING CRATES MEASURING APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] ELEVEN OF WHICH WERE OBSERVED IN THE SAME AREA OF THE PLANT AS THE SS-N-3 CANISTERS IN OCTOBER 1965, INDICATES THAT THE MISSILE CANISTERS ARE BEING SHIPPED IN THESE LARGE CRATES. THE CRATES HAVE A FLAT ROOF WITH NO SIGNIFICANT FEATURES SUCH AS PROTRUSIONS OR APPENDAGES. LARGE NUMBERS OF THESE CRATES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT SOVIET NAVAL MISSILE STORAGE FACILITIES.

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